

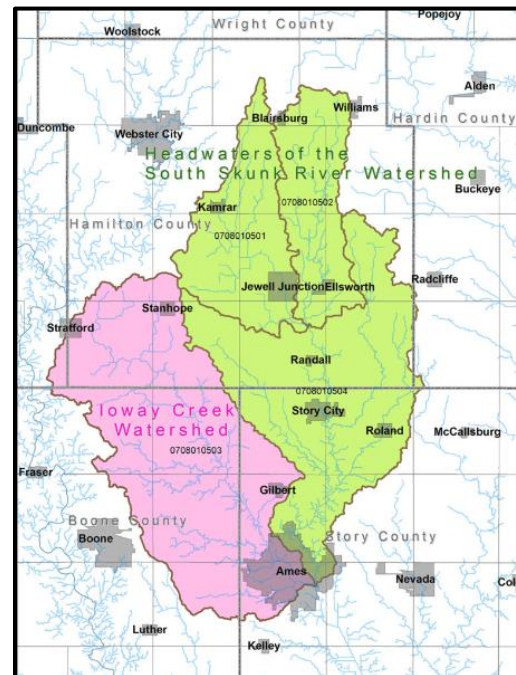
COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: HEADWATERS OF THE SOUTH SKUNK RIVER WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

BACKGROUND:

On July 18, 2018, City Council approved joining an intergovernmental group creating the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority (WMA). This group consists of various city and county governments located within the watershed boundary. Council member Tim Gartin has been appointed by the Mayor to serve on this WMA as a voting member.

Following the creation of this group, the WMA was awarded a grant from the Iowa DNR to develop a watershed plan. A technical team consisting of WMA members was developed to assist with consultant selection and work with the consultant on the plan development. Neil Weiss, Assistant Director with the Water & Pollution Control Department, has been serving as the Ames representative for the technical team. This team meets on a regular basis in conjunction with the WMA meetings.



To ensure there is a quorum for each meeting, the WMA has asked that each entity appoint an alternate voting member. Staff is requesting Neil Weiss to be designated as the City’s alternate voting representative.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Neil Weiss to serve as an alternate voting member to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority.
2. Approve someone else to served as an alternate voting member to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority.
3. Do not approve an alternate voting representative to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority at this time.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority provides for intergovernmental and public-private cooperation to improve water quality and reduce river flooding by identifying watershed-specific goals and implementing strategies that address education, outreach, and watershed-based improvements. To ensure there is sufficient voting members for each meeting, the WMA is requesting that each entity designate an alternate voting member. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.